# ESF 8 Health & Medical Area Command





If your organization is located in the Green River Valley and at risk of becoming flooded, below is a list of actions we recommend you do now to prepare for a possible flood:

# TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR FLOODING IN THE GREEN RIVER VALLEY

#### Buy flood insurance now.

- Note: it takes 30 days for a policy to take effect. Contact your insurance agent or visit <a href="https://www.floodsmart.gov">www.floodsmart.gov</a>.
- Ensure flood insurance covers damage due to sewage back-up

### **Subscribe to the Regional Public Information Network (RPIN).**

 Receive emergency alerts and other breaking news at: <a href="http://www.rpin.org/rpinweb/">http://www.rpin.org/rpinweb/</a> and become familiar with the emergency notification system by contacting the emergency manager in your city.

#### Create a relocation plan.

- You may not be able to return to your facility for weeks or months.
- Identify your critical services and determine how you can operate your business in an alternate location, outside the flood impact zone.
- Relocation plan should include procedures for timely notification to clients, vendors and other key partners of your new location. If your facility houses residents, have a plan for promptly notifying their loved ones, as well.

## Contact your vendors and suppliers to ask what steps they are taking to plan for a flood in the Green River Valley.

 For those critical services that your organization must continue to provide, list the material resources you need and make sure you have a plan for obtaining them in the event you relocate.

### Develop a strategy to communicate information.

- If you serve clients who live or work in the flood zone, communicate information to them about the flood risk and how to prepare.
- Check Public Health Seattle-King County's website for resources and tips for communicating with clients about the situation

## Review and update your evacuation plan. This plan should include:

- warning and evacuation procedures for the facility
- plans for assisting employees and clients who may need transportation
- evacuation routes that are not dependent on State Route 167 or other roads located in the valley floor
- transportation agreements for transporting staff and residents (if applicable)
- procedures for promptly notifying clients that you have evacuated. If you are a residential facility, also include procedures for notifying your resident's loved ones
- an easily transportable and updated "Agency Go-Kit". This will help your organization operate wherever you go and reduce barriers to getting back to business as usual. "Agency Go-Kit" should contain critical documents such as:
  - a. copies of insurance policies,
  - b. facility disaster plan,
  - c. bank and other financial information, and
  - d. emergency contact information for staff and key contacts.
- location of emergency kits, gas, water and electrical shut-offs in your facility
- Note: Ensure that your emergency kits include a crank or battery operated NOAA weather radio with a warning tone
- information technology (IT) back-up procedures
- procedures for moving critical paper documents (i.e. medical, accounting and finance records) out of a damp environment. Note: Even if the papers do not get wet, they could become moldy and unusable if left in a highly humid environment.

## Additional Resources

For updates and information on preparing for a possible flood:

King County Office of Emergency Management - Regional Flood Preparedness: http://www.kingcounty.go v/safety/FloodPlan.aspx

Public Health – Seattle & King County - Health & Medical Flood Preparedness: http://www.kingcounty.go v/healthservices/health/p reparedness/greenriverb

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If you have any questions about this situation please feel free to contact your city's office of emergency management

City of Auburn: 253-876-1925

City of Kent: 253-856-4440

City of Renton: 425-430-6400

City of Tukwila: 206-433-1800